

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021



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Thank you to all the Metropolitan Police Department officers and Capitol Police officers for their heroic effort on January 6 and the U.S. House of Representatives for giving them the opportunity to share their experience so that we will never allow it to happen again.

Year-to-Date Crime Comparison

	2019 YTD	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	% Diff '21 vs '20	% Diff '21 vs '19
HOMICIDE	93	108	111	3%	19%
SEX ABUSE	115	99	93	-6%	-19%
ASSAULT w/DANGEROUS WEAP	893	920	877	-5%	-2%
ROBBERY	1,153	964	993	3%	-14%
Violent Crime - Total	2,254	2,091	2,074	-1%	-8%
BURGLARY*	723	667	570	-15%	-21%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1,149	1,520	1,901	25%	65%
THEFT F/AUTO	5,622	4,466	4,567	2%	-19%
THEFT/OTHER	8,283	6,099	5,705	-6%	-31%
ARSON	7	11	3	-73%	-57%
Property Crime - Total	15,784	12,763	12,746	-0%	-19%
Total Crime	18,038	14,854	14,820	-0%	-18%

Compared to the same time last year, the District has witnessed fewer gunshot wound victims, but their injuries have proven more fatal.

Current as of July 26 at 12:01 a.m.

*Not including 2020 unrest-related burglaries (266)

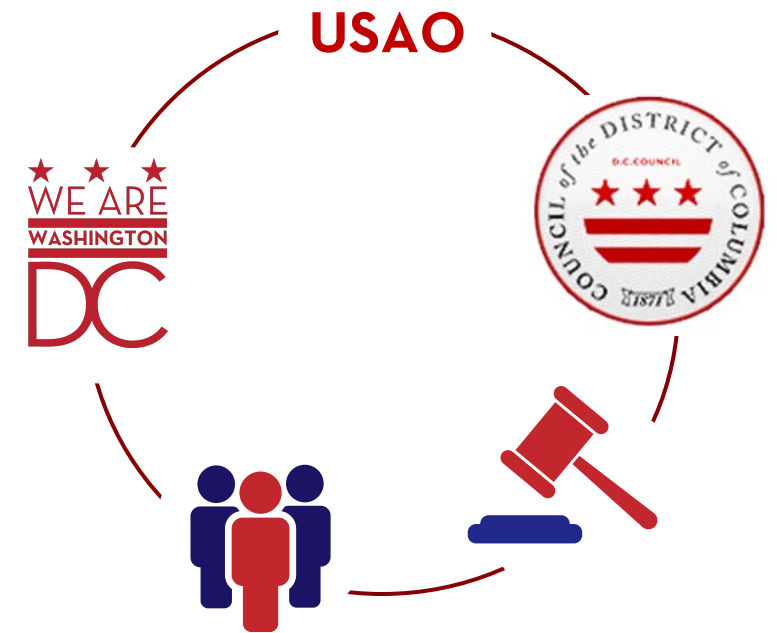
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We can recognize that gun violence is a national problem while still advancing local solutions.

For local solutions to work, we need the entire system working together: the Executive, the Council, federal and local prosecutors, the courts and supervisions agencies, and the community.



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Courtesy of @DCPoliceDept Twitter

The Metropolitan Police Department has been authorized to use any overtime necessary to **increase their presence in neighborhoods hit hardest by gun violence.**

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- Carjacking Task Force
- Community-Focused Patrol Unit
- ATF Partnership to support the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network
- Mandatory overtime to support policing needs
- Appointment of the Executive Assistant Chief
- Expanded requirements for community outreach, *Examples: 100 Blocks in 100 Days, Green Team Keeping It Clean Initiative*

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During summer months, MPD focuses available resources, incorporates the latest technology, and calls upon partner agencies and organizations to assist in a coordinated effort to reduce violent crime in 5-6 areas with elevated levels of gun violence. SCI runs from May 1- August 31, 2021.

Compared to Summer 2020, in our SCI areas:

- violent crime is **down 17%**
- homicides are **down 25%**
- property crime is **down 8%**
- total crime is **down 11%**

SCI Community Events:

- **103** events in 2020
- **133** events so far in 2021



In Fiscal Year 2021, the Metropolitan Police Department experienced a **\$15 million Council-led budget reduction.**

The pipeline for FY21 was ground to nearly a halt. With only 42 uniformed hires: 21 cadets who became recruits, 12 reinstatements, 8 senior police officers and one leadership official. No recruit classes were hired.

MPD usually trains
250+
new officers annually



This year to-date, the department
has hired only

40+
officers

We are sending to the Council for a vote on Tuesday a supplemental budget request to allow for the hiring and training of **20 additional officers in FY21** and **150 additional officers in FY22**.

We believe MPD is well positioned to identify and hire the additional officers and help close the gap between hiring and attrition as swiftly as possible.

Return of in-person services at the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement:

- ✓ Planned expansion for the school-based Leadership Academy (FY22)
- ✓ Return to in-person activation of the Pathways program and other support programs in August
- ✓ Increased support for Pathways alumni impacted by the pandemic and in need of additional support
- ✓ Violence Interrupters are responsible for maintaining regular contact with individuals on their caseloads. In 2021, Violence Interrupters have had over 3,700 touches with individuals at risk of becoming a victim of a gun crime.



Building Blocks DC has completed Neighborhood Action Planning Meetings with the following neighborhoods:



- Galen Terrace and Frederick Douglass in the Historic Anacostia neighborhood
- Kenilworth
- Paradise
- Mayfair

Building Blocks has engaged person and/or place based services in a total of **41 blocks in 15 unique communities.**



DC is unique in the American criminal justice system. **Because we are not a state, the federal government plays an outsized role in our ability to hold people accountable and deliver justice.** The Metropolitan Police Department can investigate cases and make arrests, but then, overwhelmingly, the ability to deliver justice is in the hands of our federal partners.

As of June 30, USAO reported over 2,300 matters still awaiting formal charges. Operating with only **2 grand juries** (as compared to **5 grand juries** pre-COVID), many of these cases are unable to move forward, denying justice for the victims of violent crimes and the accused.

**2,382 Unindicted matters reported on 6/30/2021 represents a 102% increase over December 2019.*

DC SUPERIOR COURT ACTIVITY

(CY2019 avg vs. Jun 2021)

Criminal

- Filed: ↓61%
- Disposed: ↓19%
- Pending: ↑74%

Juvenile

- Filed: ↓41%
- Disposed: ↓22%
- Pending: ↓21%

IMPACT:

The Court is a critical part of the public safety and justice ecosystem. Currently, the Court has a 74% increase in the number of criminal cases pending before it. This would be challenging to address if the Court was operating at pre-pandemic levels, but with Court vacancies and partially open status, these numbers are crippling to the administration of justice.

PROSECUTIONS

USAO Unindicted Matters

- As of June 30, 2021: **2,382**
- Dec 2019 vs. Jun 2021: **↑102%**

OAG Criminal Cases Papered (Dec 2019 to Jun 2021) but Not Arraigned

- As of Jun 30, 2021: **803**

IMPACT:

A critical part of the public safety apparatus is accountability for wrongdoing. Indictments are a critical first step in our criminal justice process. Without this process, cases bottleneck the system. And the longer cases go without being presented to the grand jury, the greater the chances are that witnesses and evidence are no longer available. This is not justice for the accused or for victims.

SUPERVISED POPULATION

Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA)

General + Special Population

- Total (6/30/21): 14,031
- ADP (2019 vs. 2021): **↑25%**
- Avg. LOS (2019 vs. 2021): **↑134%**

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA)

Total Population

- Total Pop (6/30/21): TBP
- Avg. LOS (2019 vs. 2021): TBP

Family Court Social Services Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (CSSD)

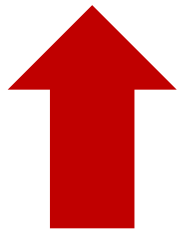
Total Population

- Total ADP (6/30/21): 165
- Avg. LOS (2019 vs. 2021): TBP

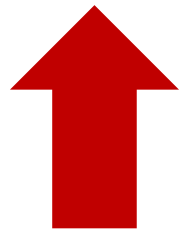
IMPACT:

We have more people on any given day being supervised in the community for longer periods of time, stretching resources, and delaying justice for both victims and the accused.

In January 2020, there were 5,707 criminal cases pending in DC Superior Court. As of June 2021, there are 10,199 criminal cases pending.



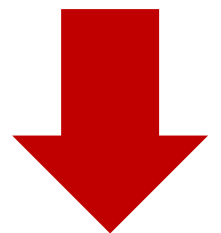
Pending cases
are up



Pretrial release
stay times
are up



Average length of stay
at the Department of
Corrections
is up



Indictments
are down

This is justice delayed for victims, defendants, and the District of Columbia as a whole.

Because we are not a state, DC relies on the federal government to fill court vacancies. **There are currently 12 vacancies on the DC Superior Court.** The volume of matters before the Court requires a full slate of judges.



The significant backlog of cases increases the urgency to fill these vacancies.

Currently, the Judicial Nomination Commission has recommended a number of candidates to these fill vacancies. Our request is for expeditious nomination and Congressional confirmation.

In 2020:

\$323,750 in 41 homicide-related reward payments

\$48,350 in 38 firearm-related reward payments

To date in 2021:

\$165,000 in 13 homicide-related reward payments

\$22,600 in 18 firearm-related reward payments

If people do bring violence to our neighborhoods, we need your help holding them accountable. In using our legal system to hold people accountable, we can end cycles of street justice and violence. **Community members can share anonymous tips with MPD by**



Texting
50411

OR



Calling
202-727-9099

Residents have shared over **1,900 tips** this month alone.

We need to reach people before they get involved in violence or become the victim of violence.

Call our Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement
for support: (202) 807-0440

MPD UPDATES

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The background features a dark blue gradient with a white line graph. The graph has several data points, some of which are highlighted with orange circles. A specific data point is labeled with the number '289.33' in a light blue font. The overall aesthetic is modern and data-driven.

Violence Reduction Unit

Metropolitan Police Department

Violence Reduction Unit

The Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is a 13-person unit within MPD's Narcotics and Special Investigations Division (NSID) tasked with stopping and interrupting the cycle of violence. This unit takes an intelligence-based policing approach to identify, interdict, and interrupt violent offenders within the District of Columbia.

Through focused coordination and intense collaboration with other MPD units and external partners, including embedded FBI and CSOSA members, VRU aims to build strong criminal cases against the District's most violent offenders.



Operation One Stop Shop



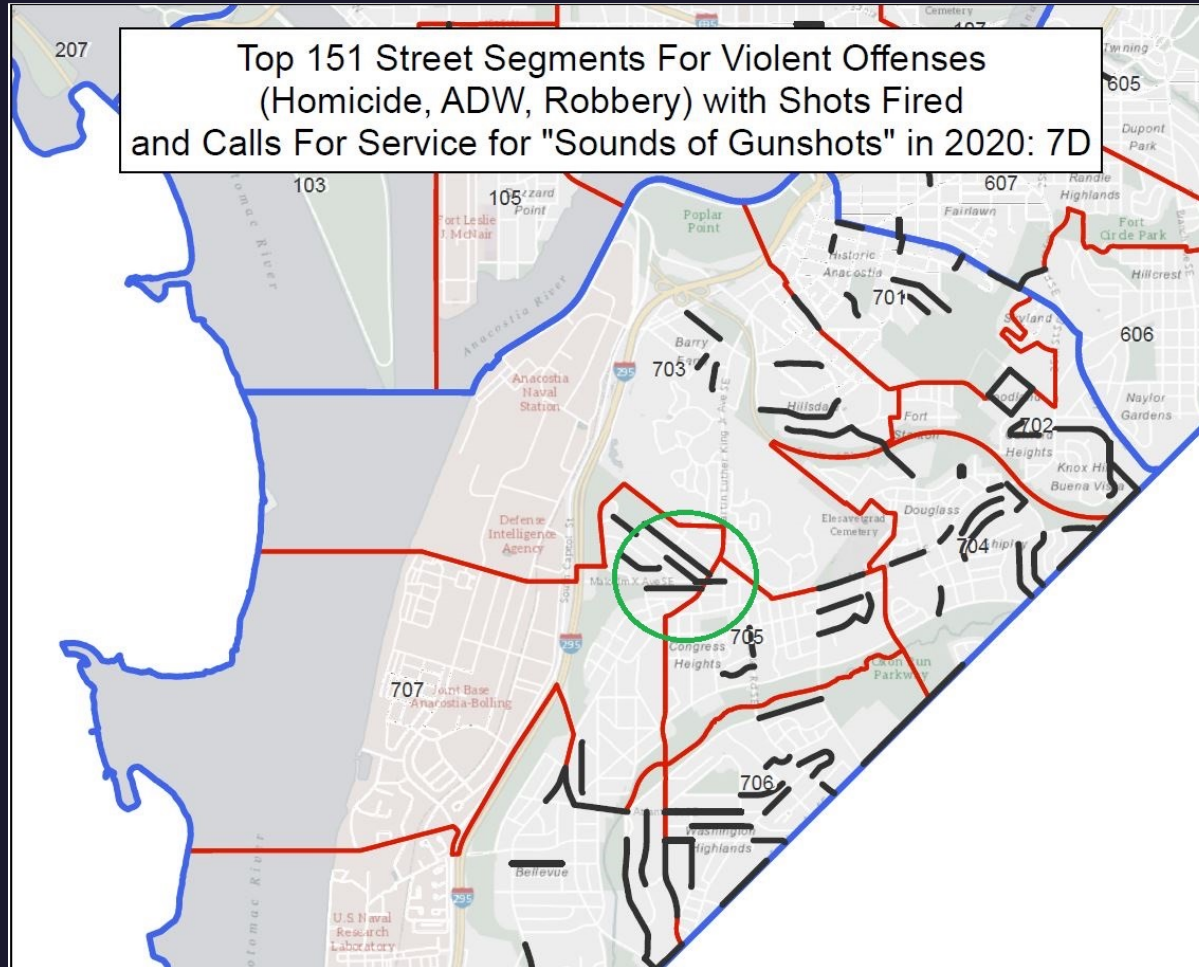
VRU Investigation into Violent Crew Members and Incidents at MLK & Mellon

- 13 indictments in US District Court
- 1 additional District Court arrest, 3 additional Superior Court arrests
- 12 court-ordered searches of persons
- 13 Firearms Recovered



Selecting the Case

Data Review



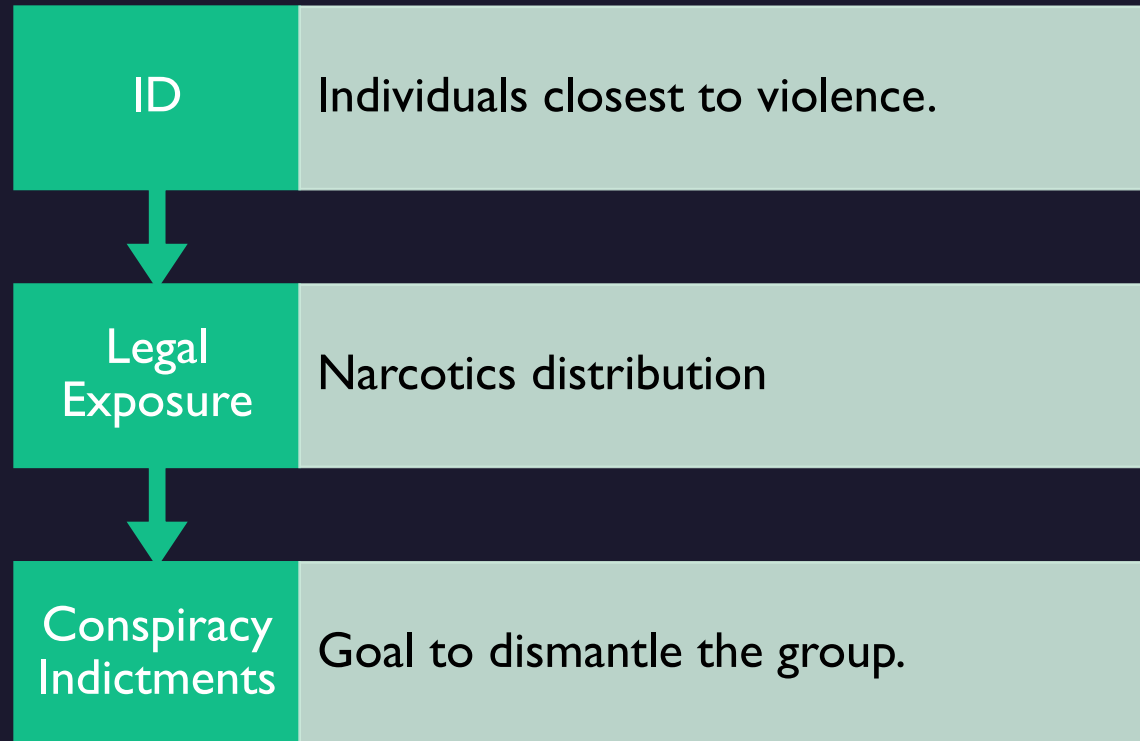
Epicenter of Case is included in Building Blocks street segments for 2020.

Building the Investigation



VRU Model

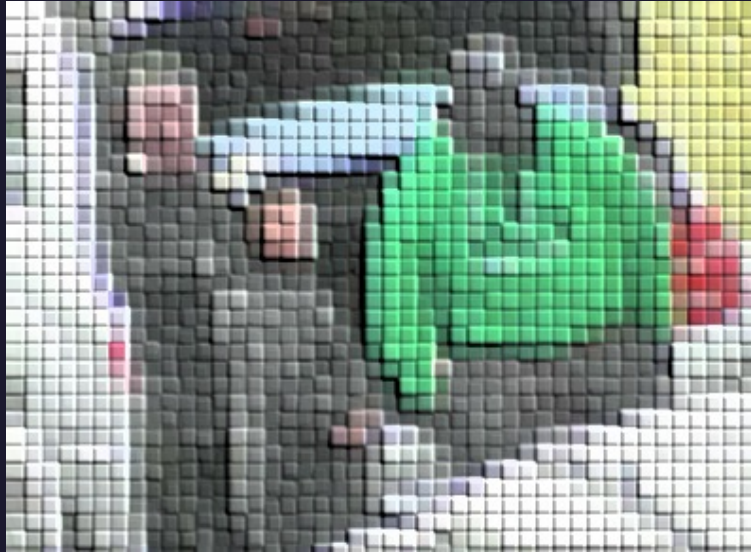
APPROACH



CONSIDERATIONS

- Group dynamic or an individual?
- Collaboration, surveillance, and prior knowledge of individual and/or group.
- What is the overall impact on the blocks involved?

Physical Monitoring



Controlled Purchases



Taking Down the Investigation



Escalating Violence

AWIK (SHOOTING) OF BARRY TYSON ON 7/15/2021



CCN 21-097-603

Escalating Violence

HOMICIDE & AWIK ON 07/16/2021

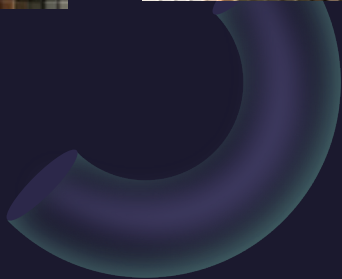
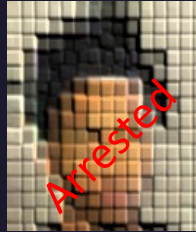
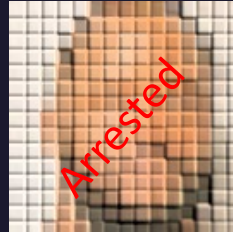
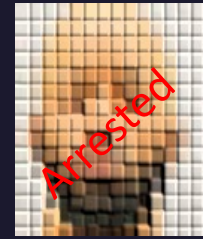
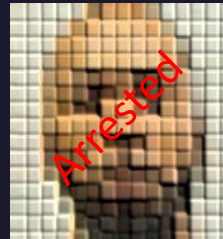
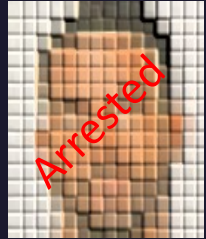
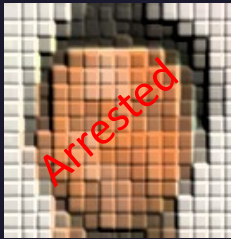


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Indictments

21 USC 846 – Conspiracy to Distribute Narcotics



Search Warrant Execution



2810 5th Street, SE #102

Building security camera footage



Image from search warrant



Crack recovered on warrant execution

Next Steps

Path Forward

GOAL:

Develop additional evidence and close specific violent crimes.



Path Forward

- Connect identified juveniles with Youth and Family Services Division.
- Conduct division level community outreach.
- Direct additional DC resources and services to the community.

